

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A method of preparing a reinforced core structure for a product to be formed in a resin transfer molding process utilizing a resin, the method comprising:

(a) applying fibers over a core beyond the final finished line for the product to be formed;

(b) applying a tackifier solution to the fibers located at the final finish line, the tackifier solution comprising a reduced resin concentration from the final resin concentration of the product to be formed in the resin transfer molding process;

(c) locally consolidating the tackifier solution; and

(d) cutting along the final finish line.

2. The method of Claim 2, wherein the tackifier solution comprises resin to be used for the resin transfer molding process diluted by a solvent.